Gang Graft Charged in **City Markets**

W.L. Hundertmark, Head of Farmers' Association. Tells Tribune Growers Pay Fortune in Tribute

Their Space Given To Speculators

Ready to Give Hirshfield **Evidence** of Corruption and Municipal Neglect

Charges that public markets of New York City are administered by unficial bosses who mulct farmers and market gardeners of huge sums ansually; that they are conducted in the interest of speculators without municisupervision, were made yesterday William L. Hundertmark, secretary and general manager of the New York Mr. Hundertmark's statement fol-

lowed an announcement by Commissioner of Accounts Hirshfield that he had summoned the former to appear before him in a hearing September 10 to testify with regard to market conditions. No such summons has been received by him, Mr. Hundertmark said, but he asserted that an immediate investigation into the administration of New York City's markets is imperative. lowed an announcement by Commis-

is imperative.

A letter from Morris L. Ernst, attorney for the association, was sent to Commissioner Hirshfield yesterday, calling attention to the non-arrival of his publicly announced summons and urging that an early date be set for the hearing. The letter reads:

"We will be pleased to present to you testimony in our hands, which in the judgment of this association clearly in-

festimony in our nands, which in the judgment of this association clearly indicates that the markets are being improperly administered. We ask that a date for the hearing be set so that you may have ample opportunity to call as witnesses a substantial number of farmers who are now attempting to farmers who are now attempting to use public market places of New York City. We believe you will be performing a real service to the city if you will at the outset examine a number of the users of these markets so as te get evidence of the method of issuing learnest to such users. licenses to such users.

Licenses Outside Law

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"The testimony will, in our judgment, clearly indicate that there is no adequate basis in law for any licenses issued at present; that licenses are being issued to persons other than farmers and market gardeners, as provided in the ordinance, and the in the case are preliminary affidavits taken from the preliminary affidavits taken from the control of the code of ordinances. The procedure is our opinion, clearly in violation of the code of ordinances.

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the code of ordinances of fyour hearings commence at this fe we will be able to give you less of persons to be subpænsed will testify as to substantial the subject of the ractice of collecting revenue from the armers. They stand as unofficial osses of the markets.

"Feeling sure that you do not wish merely to examine one or two witnesses for the purpose of publicity, as is so often the case, with political officeholders, and trusting that you really wish to get to the crux and the crooks of the situation, we wish to assure you of our heartiest co-operation. These are matters of prime importance, not only to the farmers of the vicinity but to the people of New York City, and we believe a continuance of the present practices in the markets will eventually deter legitimate farmers of the district from bringing their produce to this city."

No "Blinking" Situation Feeling sure that you do not wish

Ne "Blinking" Situation
. "There is no blinking the situation
in New York City's two produce markets," said Mr. Hundertmark. "They
are conducted under a system of terrorism and extortion by unofficial
bosses who appear secure in their positions and boast of their security. This
is a considered statement. It will be
supported by affidavits. The men making them are trying to use these public market places under a severe handicsp. No "Blinking" Situation The ordinance provides that the

Three Convicts Captured After Wild Auto Ride

Two Wounded and Another Trapped After Shooting 2

South Dakota Officers

RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 25.—Three of the four convicts who escaped from the South Dakota Penitentiary at Sioux Falls August 17 were captured near Creighton, in this county, late to-day, and the fourth was surrounded in a confield. Two of the bandits were shot and wounded, one probably fatally. Earlier in the day the four men

Earlier in the day the four men fought a posse near Stamford. After mortally wounding State's Attorney M. L. Parish and wounding Sheriff J. G. Babcock, they escaped in the state attorney's automobile. They were pursued from Murdo, S. D., and airplanes aided in locating them.

The wild ride of the convicts across the state was ended when Sheriff Wilsen of Haakon County, pursuing them, shot the driver of the convicts' car, sending it into the ditch.

Ex-Kaiser to Marry

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Former Emperor William of Germany is betrothed to the widow of a German autocrat, according to a report received by "The Times." His fiance is said to be almost of royal rank and the mother of three children. She and the children recently visited the former Emperor at Doorn, Holland. It is said the marriage will take place this winter.

A Hirshfield Letter Attacking The Tribune's Market Inquiry And Several Facts in Reply

The Commissioner

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News Summary

WASHINGTON

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Federal operation of railroads that

Special session of Congress No-

vember 15 to consider ship subsidy

Harding advises Senate again he

Public markets conducted

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supervision, officials of Market Grow-

Further railroad conferences con

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Angier B. Duke injured as auto-

Conners still says Hearst will get

Fiaschetti, outstanding figure in

new police shake-up, must patrol beat

Fuel administration will give city

Friction between heads of Hotel

O'Brien and Coleman fail to decline

De Valera mobilizing new army to

take advantage of Free State's loss

Italy aroused by threat of Austria

Berlin negotiations on reparations fail. Germans offer new program to

German flyer, Hentzlen, stays up ir glider more than three hours.

Senator Pepper, acting for Harding,

trying to bring about resumption of

SPORTS Yankees and Browns break even in double-header at Polo Grounds, by

Giants increase their lead in the

National League by defeating the Cardinals at St. Louis, 4 to 3. The Robins win two from Pirates, 8 to 6 and 8 to 7.

Episode takes fenture race at Sara-

Richards and Tilden and Patterson

and O'Hara Wood reach final round

United States international six-

meter boats chosen to race British

Fire Sweeps Tampico

TAMPICO, Mexico, Aug. 25 (By The Associated Press).—The business district here was swept by fire this morning. Three persons are known to be dead and twelve persons were seriously

injured. Property damage estimated at more than 5,000,000 pesos was caused. The origin of the fire is

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will veto bonus bill.

Harding considers seizure of an-

Commissioner Is in Doubt as to the Veracity and Identity of Reporter Who Wrote of Experiences as Peddler

The Tribune has received from David Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts of the City of New York, a letter dated August 24, in which Commissioner Hirshfield objects to certain statements re garding conditions in the city markets made by The Tribune, and in which he attacks The Tribune's veracity and honesty of purpose in connection with the investigation which led to the articles

complained of.

Mr. Hirshfield's letter is printed below. The paragraphs printed in italic constitute The Tribune's reply to the specific charges made by Mr. Hirshfield, where specific charges are made.

To the Editor New York Tribune.
Sir: To-day's Tribune contains a supposed anonymous letter from alleged peddlers, and a ditorial based on that unsigned and tified alleged communication.

munication.

Thursday's T contained a letter from the an of the League of Citizen Peddiers of Greater New York, an organization of East Side pushcart merchants, which has hundreds of members letter was signed with the man and stamped with the contained of the signer was withheld at his own request, following a universal newspaper practice. was withheld at his, own request, fol-lowing a universal newspaper practice which preserves the confidence of cor-respondents who fear that to identify themselves will be to invite persecu-tion or hardship. A facsimile of the letter appears on page three of to-day's Tribune. The editorial was based on this communication. There was nothing "alleged" or "supposed" about the letter or the peddlers, or, for that matter, about their grievance.

Peddlers Pay Collectors Last week several days in succession, articles appeared in The Tribune alleged to have been by one Mr. 'Jay' Racusin, who claimed to have disguised himself as a peddler. In those articles Mr. Racusin spoke of thousands of so-called floating peddlers and of alleged 25 cents per day collections from them, insinuating that large sums of money are being illegally collected daily by the supervisors of the various open air markets.

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The articles were by M. Jay Racusin, who, in the guise of a peddler, sold fruit from a pushcart on the East Side streets for several days. They quoted Markets Commissioner O'Malley as saying that while there were 6,000 peddlers' permits actually issued to East Side peddlers, if all the peddlers who should have permits actually possessed them there would be from 10,000 to 12,000 of them issued. It was Mr. O'Malley also who said that 25 cents a day was collected from the East Side peddlers who had no monthly permits. The Tribune did not say that these collections were made "illegally," but that they made opportunities for petty graft, which is true.

I have lived in New York practically

I have lived in New York practically all my life, know the East Side, Williamsburg, Brownsville and the other congested sections of the city, am familiar with the lot of the pushcart peddler and the conditions and difficulties which have heretofore confronted him. Based upon that knowledge, it appeared to me that Mr. Racusin's statements, when not greatly exaggerated, were highly colored.

When Mr. Hirshfield has reached a

When Mr. Hirshfield has pushed a cart up and down the East Side streets for a few days he will better appreciate the fact that Mr. Racusin's statements were neither greatly exagger-ated nor highly colored, but a straight-forward almost stenographic account of things which actually happened in his personal experience.

Calls Editorial Untruthful Calls Editorial Untruthful
Of course, I realize that the ownership of The Tribune and the interests
The Tribune is tied up with and attempting to serve are and always have been inimical to Mayor Hylan and his people's administration. In fact, it has been suggested to me to-day that in The Tribune's blind partisan and corporate hostile attitude a Mr. Racusin or some other similar reporter may have been the author of the so-called peddler's letter, in order to provide a chassis upon which to build your nasty, untruthful and mean editorial.

torial.

Whoever suggested to Mr. Hirshfield that the letter in question was not genuine was entirely misinformed. The official of the League of Citizen Peddlers of Greater New York who dictated the letter and signed it has authorized The Tribune to say that if Mr. Hirshfield wishes he will go to Mr. Hirshfield's office and tell him who wrote the letter, and why. The Tribune's correspondent states frankly that he, being himself a peddles, is afraid to discard his anonymity, because in that case he would leave himself open to persecution by the supercause in that case he would leave him-self open to persecution by the super-visors of the markets who harass his kind under Mayor Hylan's people's administration.

From information received I find there is no such person as "Jay" Racusin, but that the alleged peddler who furnished you with the material upon which your articles were based is one Moses J. Racusin, and that he is either a temporary or permanent em-ployee in your office.

Really, Mr. Hirshfield should get his

Twenty-seven commercial houses were destroyed by flames, while several others were torn down in an effort to check the fire's spread. An explosion of chemicals in a drug store, while firemen were inside, caused the deaths. **Broadway Sees First Arrests**

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Republican Forces

Rebel Chief Reported as Timing His Coup While Offered Jobs and

government is preparing to face an-

are planning a new coup coincident with the funeral of Michael Collins and the situation for the next few days is regarded with much anxiety. The active commander of the northern rebels

of Collins, although several instances are reported of the irregulars volun-tarily handing in their arms.

to be the most impressive demonstra-tion of national feeling ever witnessed in Ireland. Many priests were among No appointment of a new head of the

provisional government will be made until after the funeral at Glasnevin on Monday, when it is expected Alderman William T. Cosgrave will be chosen. The first meeting of the new Dail Eireann has been postponed until September 9.

Archbishop Curley Flays

land will surely expect her sons to abandon fratricidal strife and turn to the arbitrament of reason. Arbitration may succeed; force will certainly fail."

Aloft for Three Hours

Herr Hentzen Remains in the Air With Motorless Plane Despite Gusty Wind

The Associated Press).-A remarkable glider flight lasting three hours and day of the formal program of the annual motorless flying competitions. Herr Hentzen, student flyer of the

Shopmen Order Fight to Finish

Reject Peace Proposal Arranged by Mediators

Old Pension Rights

Big 4' Leaders Abandon Efforts; Denounce Talk of Sympathetic Strike

The last hope of an immediate ettlement of the railroad shopmen's strike was wrecked yesterday when the negotiations between the minority group of railway executives and the Big Four Brotherhood mediators were broken off. It was thought that if some understanding could be reached individually with the roads in this group, comprising about 30 per cent of the mileage of the country, it might pave the way for some sort of national agreement.

When the final terms proposed by the railroad heads were pronounced unacceptable to the workers the railway chiefs and mediators agreed It is estimated that 50,000 persons filed past the bier of the slain commander-in-chief of the Free State forces in the City Hall to-day. From early morning all day long the mourners moved in line, forming a procession of men, women and children said the situation and with other executives left for his home.

Bert M. Jewell, head of the railway

Bert M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' division of the American Federation of Labor, and the "Big Four" brotherhood leaders, who served as mediators for the striking shopmen, also departed. The controversy thus has settled down to a finish fight.

Before departing for his headquarters in Chicago Mr. Jewell said he believed that the executives who had lingured for the final parleys on individual settlements would soon be enabled "to bring home to their hardboiled colleagues the railroad situation in its grim realities."

"We shall be content to let the condition of equipment prove that the railroads cannot operate with unskilled strike breakers," Mr. Jewell added. "We can and will fight for our terms and for a nation-wide settlement."

The policy committee of ninety, in direct charge of the shopmen's walkout, then sent a full statement of the negotiations and final orders to the strikers all over the country, calling upon them to renew the struggle with redoubled vigor. upon them to renew the struggle with redoubled vigor.

BELFAST, Aug. 25.—Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore interviewed at Athlone, his native town, to-day concerning the death of Michael Collina said.

NO Lack of Cars, Roads Insist

The railroads predict that the strike will be a matter of history within two or three weeks, that they will have driver. The latter had received a call normal forces at work in their shops from the house of from the house of the control of No Lack of Cars, Roads Insist

viewed at Athlone, his native town, to-day concerning the death of Michael Collins, said:

"Feeling that I can give expression to the sentiments of millions of Americans, I have no hesitation in saying that the action of the republicans meets with nothing but condemnation from Ireland's friends in America.

"It is sad to find the hated regime of murder and destruction that was carried on by the Black and Tans continued by wild-eyed enthusiasts,' said the Archbishop. "If these things are done because they love Ireland, what would they do if they hated her?"

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LONDON, Aug. 25.—A dispatch to "The Times," from Melbourne, says that Archbishop Mannix, cabling his condolences to the Lord Mayor of Dublin on the death of Michael Collins, says:

"In this tragic day of mourning Ireland will surely expect her sons to abandon fratricidal strife and turn to be abandon fratricidal strife and turn to the abandon fratricidal strife and turn to the contain the the brother-hood chiefs were will have then coming for fall.

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ten minutes marked the close yester-day of the formal program of the an-

All Negotiations Dropped Chicago Coal Prices Raised and Mine Men Say Public Must Pay for Strike

Of Some Roads and Coal Mines;

Special Dispatch to the Tribune

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—Coal prices in Chicago were boosted from 95 cents to \$1,50 a ton to-day, and the consumer began to make first payment of the cost of the five months' strike. Local dealers said they based their demands for higher rates on the fact that operators had boosted prices at the mines. Coal operators made no attempt to deny the fact that the public was expected to pay for the struggle with the miners. Dr. F. C. Hennold, secretary of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, said:

'The coal operators are naturally desirous to recover their losses during the strike, for which they were not responsible, having made epeated efforts to negetiate with the men.'

According to prominent operators, there is a shortage of coal. The coal men have what the consumers want, and that makes a sellers' market. The buyer, by his anxiety to get coal, will determine the market price.

Actor Is Shot President Plans Dead; Screen Special Session Manager Held To Pass Subsidy

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Have Better Chance Than

It Would in Short Term

By Carter Field

Would Utilize Short Session

Confident of Passage

Message in Slain Man's Pocket; G. F. Cline Says He Fired in Self-Defense

Prisoner Said to Have Told Police Night Visitor Had Once Attacked His Wife

West Forty-sixth Street, dropped dead last night at the entrance to the ferry to 129th Street in Edgewater, N. J., with a bullet wound over his heart. In his pocket was a slip of paper or which was written: "George Klein killed me."

George F. Oline is tocation manager for the Fox Film Company at its Fort on Capitol Hill. The expectancy now Lee studio and lives in Undercliff Avenue, Edgewater, about a quarter journ or recess until after election of a mile from the ferry house. Police-

from the house a few minutes before.

As he drew up at the curb he heard work ahead of it in the brief period the pistol shots and immediately let in his clutch and started for the police station.

sold against individual settlements and who contended that the brotherhood chaders had no authority to make any such arrangements, rejected this proposal with the explanation that it is all the explanation that it is

In Plot to Slay Poincare Confident of Passage There is no confidence among the President's friends on Capitol Hill that the ship subsidy could be passed, either now or in November, even if votes on it were forced in the two houses, but they agree that the President is entitled to have Congress vote on this measure which the Administration regards as so vital to the national interest.

PARIS, Aug. 25 (By The Associated to search for evidence of possible ac-Press) .- An agent of the notorious complices. The Premier is guarded

President Prepares to Appeal for Legislation if Industrial Situation Is Not Speedily Cleared

Will Fix Wages, Call for Workers

Operators and Miners Get Final Chance; Carriers Must Restore Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 .- Fed eral operation of anthracite coal mines and some of the railroads was considered at a White House conference to-night among Presi dent Harding and Chairman Cummins of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee and Attorney Gen-

that the Administration would seek is not a radical improvement in the industrial situation within a few

Last Chance for Peace

Senator Cummins said after the conference that the anthracite oper-Tariff May Be Held Up ators and miners would have one more opportunity to settle their dif-

"If there isn't a settlement in a few days," he said, "I will introduce a bill authorizing the government to

Likewise, he said, a "reasonable" WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 .- President time would be allowed the railroads Harding probably will call a special session of Congress for November 15 in which to demonstrate their abilto take up the ship subsidy bill, it ity to furnish adequate service and was said at the White House to-day, that those unable to do so would be

unless Congress merely recesses over taken over. the election instead of adjourning. Senator Cummins expressed con The tariff also is likely to go over dence that legislation for both puruntil after election, it developed to-day poses could be rushed through Congress without delay. It was indicated that consideration of these steps would is, therefore, that Congress may adnot operate to interfere with

There will, of course, be an effort to Resume Conference To-day The White House conference fol-lowed a survey of the whole situation at the regular Cabinet meeting and the termination without result of the con-ference at New York between railroad executives and union officials. It was said that the White House conference

would be resumed to-morrow.

Before to-night's conference the groundwork had been laid through Administration overtures for a

contested measure is sure to require considerable time, and the short session of Congress has so much routine work ahead of it in the brief period before March 4 that it would be comparatively simple for those opposed to the ship subsidy bill to block its passage.

At the Capitol this afternoon Senators and members opposed to the bill were confident that even the November meeting plan would mot afford sufficient time. Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board believes that there is a majority in the present Senate in favor of the bill, but the opposition to it is strong enough to prevent a three-fourths vote imposing cloture, and without cloture the strong minority can prevent a vote for a very long time.

Would Utilize Short Session

Transportation Vital Factor

The bituminous situation did not enter into the discussion, the conferees agreeing that this industry gradually was getting back to normal. The ability of the roads to moto coal from the mines, in the view of officials, constitutes an important element in this connection, however, and may prove a determining factor as to the necessity for Federal operation of tarriers.

riers.
While further dewlopments in both the coal and rail situations are awaited, measures designed to minimize profiteering in both bituminous and anthracite will be pressed in Congress.

Edge Demands Seizure And Operation of Mines

Offers Bill When Amendment to Borah Measure Is Blocked; Bonus Delays Scnate Action

From The Tribune's Washington Bareau WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.-The grave need for emergency coal legislation was once more strongly asserted in the

Senate to-day. Senator Borah, of Idaho, brought up the bill for a ceal investigation commission, and while it was under discussion Senator Edge, of New Jersey, offered an amendment declaring the existence of a national emergency, authorizing the President to acquire coal mines, by condemnation or otherwise, operate them and distribute the coal, and appropriating the necessary funds.

Senator Edge declared the country faced a desperate situation and Congress would be delinquent if it did not act. gation commission, and while it was

At the request of Senator Borah, Senator Edge finally withdrew his amendment and presented it as a sep-arate bill.

De Valera Harding Considers the Seizure Plans Attack Upon Dublin

City Prepares Defense as Collins Lies in State in City Hall; 50,000 Pass Bier During Day

45 Miles to North

Government Is Weak DUBLIN, Aug. 25 .- The Free State

other determined attack on Dublin this week end, as Eamon de Valera has taken the field again in County Louth and is mobilizing a large force of irregulars in the Carlingford mountains, about forty-five miles north of the It is believed that the republicans

is General Aiken, one of the ablest republican leaders, who was responsible for the recent recapture of Dundalk. There has been a marked revival of the republicans' morate since the death

50,000 See Fallen Leader

150 Taken in Limerick

Further successes of the Free State troops in clearing the southern area were reported to-day, upward of 150 prisoners being taken in County Limerick, while forces landed from the sea captured Kinsdale and Dunmanway, the last posts held in County Cork by the irregulars.

At the same time there were signs of renewed rebel activity in ambushing parties of Free Staters. One provisional government lieutenant was killed in ambush near Athlone and two soldiers were wounded in Cork before an attack of two lorries could be repulsed. Several armed irregulars were arrested in the city of Cork.

German Glider Stays

GERSFELD, Germany, Aug. 25 (By

Herr Hentzen, student hyer of the Hanover Technical School, made the flight, beating by one hour the record he established Saturday.

Hentzen's latest accomplishment was made in the same machine. He flew in a westerly wind of from ten to twelve meters per second, accompanied by gusts sometimes as strong as sixteen meters.

George Klein Killed Me, Is Probably Will Recall Congress November 15 Un- days

Recess Over Elections Tragedy in Jersey Home Leaders Believe Bill Will

picture actor whose home was at 229

men already were at his home, where two shots are said to have been heard a few minutes before, and Cline was arrested. He said he fired in self-defense.

Two Men Hear Firing
Captain James F. Dinan of the Edgewater police force heard the shots in the Cline home, and so did a taxicab driver. The latter had received a call from the house a few minutes before.

German "Consul" organization was ar- more strictly than ever to prevent pos-German "Consul" organization was arrested to-night by the government secrete zervice in the belief he was sent here to assassinate Premier Poincare.

The prisoner answers the description of a noted radical named Guenther, who is suspected of responsibility for the assassination a year ago of Mathias Erzberger, the former German Minister of Finance.

The agent was found in a western suburb of Paris. He is closely confined, while the police are continuing fined, while the police are continuing fined, while the police are continuing for the latest of the province of the suburb of Paris. He is closely confined, while the police are continuing fined, while the police are continuing fined to prevent possible assassination.

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